Docket No.: 071971-0569 PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Customer No.: 53080

Akio MISAKA : Confirmation No.: 7423

Application No.: 10/576,120 : Group Art Unit: 1795

Filed: April 18, 2006 : Examiner: Rashid A. ALAM

For: PHOTOMASK (as amended)

AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 26, 2009, wherein a three-month shortened statutory period for response is set to expire on April 27, 2009 (as April 26, 2009 falls on a Sunday), Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.